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Supreme Court Committee Empaneled to Continue Work on Municipal Court Reform

Chief Justice Stuart Rabner today announced the members of a new Supreme Court committee empaneled to implement key recommendations from a recent [report](#) on municipal court reform.

The 38-member Working Group on the Municipal Courts includes representatives from all three branches of government as well as law enforcement, the public defender's office, prosecutors, non-profit organizations, civil rights groups, bar associations and local government.

The group is tasked with implementing some of the key recommendations from a report released in July by the Supreme Court Committee on Municipal Court Operations, Fines, and Fees. The report focused on ensuring fairness and improving judicial independence in the state's local courts. It also recommended the creation of a working group to examine some of the larger issues related to municipal courts, such as decoupling sentencing practices from a municipality's need for revenue, consolidating or regionalizing municipal courts, modifying the appointment process for municipal court judges and shifting to full-time tenured judgeships.

The working group will hold its first meeting in the coming weeks. A list of the members can be found [here](#).

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